

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): In a computer system including an auxiliary control ~~and a display~~, a method comprising the steps of:

detecting a first physical presence proximate to or contacting a first auxiliary control for a predefined period in which the first auxiliary control maintains an inactive state; and

generating feedback responsive to said step of detecting, the feedback providing an indication of the functionality of the first auxiliary control, the functionality of the first auxiliary control and associated feedback being dependent upon which one of a ~~plurality of first~~ application programs and a second application program is active, ~~the generating includes displaying a first display widget on the display,~~

~~wherein the first auxiliary control has a first function in the first application program and a second function, different from the first function, in the second application program.~~

Claim 2 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the feedback includes acoustic feedback.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method according to claim 2, wherein the computer system has a game controller including the first auxiliary control.

Claim 4 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the feedback includes tactile feedback.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein the feedback further includes at least one of ~~visual feedback,~~ acoustic feedback and/or tactile feedback.

Claim 6 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further comprises detecting the first physical presence for the first predefined period in which both the first auxiliary control and a pointing device maintain an inactive state.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7~~1~~, wherein the first display widget includes a user interface configured to receive user input to change settings of the functionality of the first auxiliary control.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7~~1~~, further comprising the step of:

detecting absence of the first physical presence proximate to or contacting the first auxiliary control for a second predefined period in which the first auxiliary control maintains the inactive state while displaying the first display widget; and

discontinuing display of the first display widget, responsive to detecting the absence of the first physical presence for the second predefined period in which the first auxiliary control maintains the inactive state.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7~~1~~, further comprising the step of discontinuing display of the first display widget responsive to activation of a second auxiliary control.

Claim 12 (original): The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of displaying the first display widget responsive to deactivation of the second auxiliary control when the first physical presence remains proximate to or in contact with the first auxiliary control.

Claim 13 (original): The method according to claim 12, wherein the second auxiliary control is the first auxiliary control.

Claim 14 (original): The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of disabling display of the first display widget after deactivation of the second auxiliary control until after the first physical presence breaks contact with or is no longer proximate to the first auxiliary control.

Claim 15 (original): The method according to claim 14, wherein the second auxiliary control is the first auxiliary control.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to claim ~~7~~1, further comprising the steps of:

detecting a second physical presence proximate to or contacting a second auxiliary control different from the first auxiliary control;

generating second feedback responsive to said step of detecting the second physical presence, the second feedback indicating functionality associated with the second auxiliary control; and

discontinuing display of the first display widget responsive to detecting the second physical presence.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to claim 16, wherein said step of generating second feedback includes displaying a second display widget on the display ~~screen~~ responsive to said step of detecting the second physical presence.

Claim 18 (currently amended): In a computer system including an auxiliary control and a display, a method comprising the steps of:

detecting a first physical presence proximate to or contacting a first auxiliary control for a predefined period in which the first auxiliary control maintains an inactive state;

~~generating first feedback responsive to said step of detecting, the first feedback providing an indication of the functionality of the first auxiliary control;~~

detecting a second physical presence proximate to or contacting a second auxiliary control different from the first auxiliary control in which the second auxiliary control maintains

an inactive state while detecting the first physical presence proximate to or contacting the first auxiliary control; and

generating ~~second~~-feedback responsive to said step of detecting the second physical presence, the ~~second~~-feedback indicating functionality associated with simultaneous activation of the combination of the first auxiliary control and the second auxiliary control.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method according to claim 18, wherein the first auxiliary control and the second auxiliary control correspond to separate controls on a keyboard input device.

Claims 20-31 (canceled)